Our Reference: OBC-98

PATENT

CENTRAL FAX CENTER

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

DEC 0 1 2003

Applicant: Venkatesan et al

Application Number: 09/501,944

Filing Date: 2/10/2000

Art Unit/Examiner: 1745/Mercado, Julian A.

OFFICIAL

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is a response to the Office Action dated July 2, 2003 to which a reply is due on or before December 2, 2003 with a Two-Month Extension of Time.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge all fees which may be required during the entire pendency of this application to Deposit Account 05-1068.